

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 241
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Cookeville High School Varsity Academic Bowl Team on winning the 1996-97 Tennessee High School State Academic Championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those exemplary young people who, through their peerless academic endeavors, have brought great honor upon themselves, their families and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County's Cookeville High School Varsity Academic Bowl Team, Cavalier Varsity A-team I, recently captured first place in the Tennessee High School State Academic Championship at Tennessee Tech University; and

WHEREAS, Cookeville High School persevered and emerged triumphant despite the rigorous competition from 17 other high school academic teams from Middle and East Tennessee. The Cavalier Varsity A-team II placed 5th overall in the state tournament; and

WHEREAS, the team also won the 1996-97 Upper Cumberland Academic Bowl sponsored by the local PBS television station, WCTE-TV 22. Sixteen teams from the Upper Cumberland viewing area competed in the academic bowl; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 1997, 13 members of the Cookeville High School Varsity Academic Team competed in the 1997 spring Knowledge Master Open Computer Academic Bowl sponsored by Academic Hallmarks of Durango, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, with thousands of students from throughout the United States competing in the national computer quiz bowl tournament, the team scored a total of 1,638 points by answering correctly 183 of 200 questions covering all academic areas; and

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WHEREAS, they placed first ahead of 16 other Tennessee high schools that participated, and finished 17th out of 1,320 high schools that competed in the KMO; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 1st place State Championship Team are: Joel Randolph, Senior/Captain; Ken Zimmerman, Senior/Captain; Karthik Sundaram, Junior/Co-Captain; and Daniel Ting, Sophomore; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 5th place State Tournament Team are: Andy Case, Senior/Captain; Adam Throckmorton, Senior/Captain; Alex Han, Senior; Chiao Huang, Senior; and Jennifer Do, Sophomore; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the team's victory, Alex Han displayed his academic prowess as the top individual overall scorer in the tournament with 400 points; and

WHEREAS, the 1st place KMO State Team are: Seniors: Ken Zimmerman, Joel Randolph, Andy Case, Susan Shaw, and Candi Henry; Juniors: Karthik Sundaram, Cary Hitchcock and Jay Watson; Sophomores: Daniel Ting, Jennifer Do, Rajni Rao, Kelly Butcher and Kaushik Venkatesh; and Freshman: Matthew Knieling; and

WHEREAS, the KMO State Team has accepted an invitation to represent Cookeville High School, Putnam County, and Tennessee in the 11th annual American Scholastic Competition Network Tournament of Champions in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, these outstanding scholars' dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor the members of the 1996-97 Cookeville High School Varsity Academic Team on their impressive academic achievements, and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the team members with this final clause omitted from such copy.

